

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

BRENDA J. COOPER, ET AL.  
versus  
MERITOR, INC., ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS  
Civil Action No. 4:16-cv-52-DMB-JMV  
DEFENDANTS

- Consolidated With –

JOE E. SLEDGE, ET AL.  
versus  
MERITOR, INC., ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS  
Civil Action No. 4:16-cv-53-DMB- JMV  
DEFENDANTS

- and -

KATHERINE LONGSTREET COOKE, ET AL.  
versus  
MERITOR, INC., ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS  
Civil Action No. 4:16-cv-54-DMB-JMV  
DEFENDANTS

- and -

SRA INVESTMENTS, LLC, ET AL.  
versus  
MERITOR, INC., ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS  
Civil Action No. 4:16-cv-55-DMB-JMV  
DEFENDANTS

- and -

FELICIA WILLIS, ET AL.  
versus  
MERITOR, INC., ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS  
Civil Action No. 4:16-cv-56-DMB-JMV  
DEFENDANTS

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiffs' motion to compel the deposition of Defendants' expert, Jim Peeples, on those certain matters which arise from and relate to the T&M documents discussed and identified in Plaintiffs' motion to compel. The Court, having considered the motion, response, and reply, finds that for the reasons articulated by the Plaintiffs in their motion and reply, the motion is well taken, and the request to depose Mr. Peeples on the subject matters described therein as new is granted.<sup>1</sup> The deposition should occur no later than 14 days from today.

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<sup>1</sup> The Court notes that Plaintiffs have withdrawn the request for relief as relates to one of the documents identified in the motion.

The Court notes, however, that the Plaintiffs have further “reserve[d] the right to depose Mr. Peebles on new issues or information raised by additional T&M documents, once the T&M document production is complete and once all privilege issues related thereto are resolved by either a meet and confer process or the Court's ruling thereon.” As to this reservation, the Court admonishes Plaintiffs' counsel that Plaintiffs appear to be again engaging in the wholesale disregard of the deadlines imposed in this case. Absent some exceptional circumstance the undersigned can't fathom at this juncture, there will be no further deposition of Mr. Peebles. Plaintiffs' counsel should prepare to ask Mr. Peebles any additional questions he might have of him at the upcoming trial.

SO ORDERED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

/s/ Jane M. Virden  
U. S. Magistrate Judge